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The invention also relates to transgenic plants having modified growth characteristics, which plants have modulated expression of a  
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